

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. The application has been amended as follows:

Pursuant to MPEP 1214.06, Claim 11 (the rejection of which was reversed) is converted into independent form and Claims 1-5, 10, 12, 14 and 16 (the rejection of which was affirmed) are canceled.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-5, 10, 12, 14 and 16 are **(CANCELED)**

Claim 11 is *amended to:*

-- 11. **An electric power steering device for transmitting a rotation of a motor for assisting operation of steering which is reduced via a reduction gear to a steering mechanism, the electric power steering device comprising:**

a spline shaft and a cylindrical body that is connected to a rotary shaft of said motor, said spline shaft and said cylindrical body being jointed to each other for transmitting the rotation of the motor to the reduction gear;

a speed reduction mechanism, comprising:

a shaft; and

a wheel,

wherein said shaft of said speed reduction mechanism is connected to said rotary shaft of said motor by a joint, said joint comprising said spline shaft and said cylindrical body,

~~The electric power steering device according to claim 10,~~ wherein said wheel comprises a synthetic resin member comprising at least one of polyacetal terephthalate and polybutylene terephthalate; **and**

the electric power steering device further comprising:
a grease including a base oil having a kinetic viscosity of 1000 to 5000
mm²/s (40 °C), a worked penetration of said grease being not more than 300, and
which is charged in a gap between said spline shaft and said cylindrical body,
wherein the electric power steering device is devoid of an O-ring between
said spline shaft and said cylindrical body.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARC SCHARICH whose telephone number is (571) 272-3244. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m..

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